

NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR JANUARY 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Order, has announced that the statistical uniform price for January 2000 is \$12.35 per hundredweight or \$1.06 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for January is \$2.30 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The January PPD is \$2.20 in New York, NY, and \$2.10 in Philadelphia, PA.

The calculated Class prices for milk pooled in January are as follows: Class I, \$14.15 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$11.43; Class III, \$10.05; and Class IV, \$10.73. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for January 1999 would have been: Class I, \$20.69; Class II, \$14.31; Class III, \$15.85; and Class III-A, \$13.45. The component values for January are protein, \$2.1677 per pound; butterfat, \$0.9366 per pound; other solids, \$0.0503 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8574 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.148 billion pounds. A total of 18,024 producers were pooled under the Northeast Order with an average daily delivery per producer of 3,844 pounds.

Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 42.2 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 42.2 percent in January 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 14.7 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 27.4 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 15.7 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR FEBRUARY 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for February 2000 is \$12.21 per hundredweight or \$1.05 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for February is \$2.67 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The February PPD is \$2.57 in New York, NY, and \$2.47 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in February are as follows: Class I, \$13.96 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$11.51; Class III, \$9.54; and Class IV, \$10.80. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for February 1999 would have been: Class I \$20.15, Class II \$13.72, Class III is \$11.35, and Class IV price \$12.71. The component values for February are protein, \$1.9849 per pound; butterfat, \$0.9588 per pound; other solids, \$0.0432 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8565 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.034 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 41.3 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 41.7 percent in February 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.2 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 27.4 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 14.1 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR MARCH 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for March 2000 is \$12.39 per hundredweight or \$1.07 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Massachusetts (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for March is \$2.85 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The March PPD is \$2.75 in New York, New York, and \$2.65 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Class prices for milk pooled in March are as follows: Class I, \$14.09 (Suffolk County, Massachusetts); Class II, \$11.71; Class III, \$9.54; and Class IV, \$11.00. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for March 1999 would have been: Class I, \$15.99; Class II, \$13.47; Class III, \$11.51; and Class IV, \$12.56. The component values for March are protein, \$1.9166 per pound; butterfat, \$1.0191 per pound; other solids, \$0.0424 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8553 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.182 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 42.0 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 42.2 percent in March 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.6 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 27.9 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat, and whole milk powder) equaled 12.5 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR APRIL 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for April 2000 is \$12.46 per hundredweight or \$1.07 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for April is \$3.05 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The April PPD is \$2.95 in New York, NY, and \$2.85 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in April are as follows: Class I, \$14.18 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.10; Class III, \$9.41; and Class IV, \$11.38. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for April 1999 would have been: Class I \$16.00, Class II \$12.05, Class III \$11.64, and Class IV price \$11.26. The component values for April are protein, \$1.7399 per pound; butterfat, \$1.1352 per pound; other solids, \$0.0408 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8537 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.091 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 39.0 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 40.2 percent in April 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.4 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 30.2 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 13.4 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR MAY 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for May 2000 is \$12.90 per hundredweight or \$1.11 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for May is \$3.53 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The May PPD is \$3.43 in New York, NY, and \$3.33 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in May are as follows: Class I, \$14.73 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.63; Class III, \$9.37; and Class IV, \$11.91. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for May 1999 would have been: Class I \$14.92, Class II \$12.21, Class III \$10.91, and Class IV price \$11.53. The component values for May are protein, \$1.5514 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2854 per pound; other solids, \$0.0403 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8530 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.117 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 41.0 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 38.1 percent in May 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 18.3 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 28.9 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 11.8 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR JUNE 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for June 2000 is \$13.25 per hundredweight or \$1.14 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for June is \$3.79 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The June PPD is \$3.69 in New York, NY, and \$3.59 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in June are as follows: Class I, \$14.95 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$13.08; Class III, \$9.46; and Class IV, \$12.38. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for June 1999 would have been: Class I \$14.41, Class II \$13.84, Class III \$11.04, and Class IV price \$13.14. The component values for June are protein, \$1.4278 per pound; butterfat, \$1.4128 per pound; other solids, \$0.0438 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8556 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.949 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 42.1 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 37.8 percent in June 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.9 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 30.1 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 9.9 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR JULY 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for July 2000 is \$13.52 per hundredweight or \$1.16 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for July is \$2.86 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The July statistical uniform price is \$13.42 in New York, NY, (PPD is \$2.76) and \$13.32 in Philadelphia, PA, (PPD is \$2.66).

The Class prices for milk pooled in July are as follows: Class I, \$15.71 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.58; Class III, \$10.66; and Class IV, \$11.87. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for July 1999 would have been: Class I \$16.29, Class II \$13.50, Class III \$12.92, and Class IV price \$12.79. The component values for July are protein, \$1.9726 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2691 per pound; other solids, \$0.0557 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8561 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.988 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 40.5 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 41.4 percent in July 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.9 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 31.8 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 9.8 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR AUGUST 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for August 2000 is \$13.39 per hundredweight or \$1.15 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for August is \$3.26 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The August PPD is \$3.16 in New York, NY, and \$3.06 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in August are as follows: Class I, \$15.20 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.56; Class III, \$10.13; and Class IV, \$11.87. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for August 1999 would have been: Class I \$16.13, Class II \$13.46, Class III \$15.61, and Class IV price \$12.77. The component values for August are protein, \$1.7952 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2659 per pound; other solids, \$0.0577 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8567 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.918 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 45.2 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 43.4 percent in August 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 19.3 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 30.4 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 5.1 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR SEPTEMBER 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for September 2000 is \$13.63 per hundredweight or \$1.17 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The September statistical uniform price is \$13.53 in New York, NY, and \$13.43 in Philadelphia, PA. The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for September is \$2.87 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in September are as follows: Class I, \$15.09 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.58; Class III, \$10.76; and Class IV, \$11.94. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for September 1999 would have been: Class I \$18.51, Class II \$13.29, Class III \$15.60, and Class IV price \$12.67. The component values for September are protein, \$2.0137 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2707 per pound; other solids, \$0.0502 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8624 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.835 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 49.3 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 47.1 percent in September 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.8 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 28.8 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 4.1 percent of the total.

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NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR OCTOBER 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for October 2000 is \$13.32 per hundredweight or \$1.15 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The October statistical uniform price is \$13.22 for delivery to plants in New York, NY, and \$13.12 for delivery to plants in Philadelphia, PA. The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for October is \$3.30 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant receiving producer milk is from Suffolk County, MA. *

The Class prices for milk pooled in October are as follows: Class I, \$15.14 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.54; Class III, \$10.02; and Class IV, \$11.81. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for October 1999 would have been: Class I \$19.79, Class II \$12.50, Class III \$12.48, and Class IV price \$11.83. The component values for October are protein, \$1.8028 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2444 per pound; other solids, \$0.0471 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8585 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.895 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 48.5 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 44.8 percent in October 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 19.7 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 27.3 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 4.5 percent of the total.

* Additional statistical uniform price and PPD information by selected location on reverse side.

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Producer Price Differential and Statistical Uniform Price, by Location

| Selected Locations | Differential* | Adjustment | Producer Price Differential | Statistical # Uniform Price |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Boston, MA | 3.25 | 0.00 | 3.30 | 13.32 |
| Newport News/Portsmouth, VA | 3.20 | (0.05) | 3.25 | 13.27 |
| New York, NY | 3.15 | (0.10) | 3.20 | 13.22 |
| Long Valley, NJ | 3.10 | (0.15) | 3.15 | 13.17 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 3.05 | (0.20) | 3.10 | 13.12 |
| Agawam, MA/Baltimore, MD | 3.00 | (0.25) | 3.05 | 13.07 |
| Frederick, MD/New Holland, PA | 2.90 | (0.35) | 2.95 | 12.97 |
| Mt. Holly Springs, PA | 2.80 | (0.45) | 2.85 | 12.87 |
| Albany/Binghamton, NY | 2.70 | (0.55) | 2.75 | 12.77 |
| Middlebury, VT | 2.60 | (0.65) | 2.65 | 12.67 |
| Syracuse, NY | 2.50 | (0.75) | 2.55 | 12.57 |
| St. Albans/Swanton, VT | 2.40 | (0.85) | 2.45 | 12.47 |
| Watertown/Rochester, NY | 2.30 | (0.95) | 2.35 | 12.37 |
| Buffalo, NY | 2.20 | (1.05) | 2.25 | 12.27 |
| Jamestown, NY | 2.10 | (1.15) | 2.15 | 12.17 |

*Differentials listed apply to states included in the Northeast marketing area. Outside of this area, differentials and prices may be above or below this range. Cities listed are for reference purposes only.

#Prices apply on a county basis. Prices at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids.

NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR NOVEMBER 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for November 2000 is \$13.36 per hundredweight or \$1.15 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The November statistical uniform price is \$13.26 for delivery to plants in New York, NY, and \$13.16 for delivery to plants in Philadelphia, PA. The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for November is \$4.79 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant receiving producer milk is from Suffolk County, MA. *

The Class prices for milk pooled in November are as follows: Class I, \$15.07 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$13.68; Class III, \$8.57; and Class IV, \$13.00. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for November 1999 would have been: Class I \$16.15, Class II \$12.26, Class III \$10.57, and Class IV price \$11.54. The component values for November are protein, \$0.9149 per pound; butterfat, \$1.5745 per pound; other solids, \$0.0565 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8617 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.859 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 49.2 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 45.5 percent in November 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.1 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 28.5 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 5.2 percent of the total.

* Additional statistical uniform price and PPD information by selected location on reverse side.

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Producer Price Differential and Statistical Uniform Price, by Location

| Selected Locations | Differential* | Adjustment | Producer Price Differential | Statistical # Uniform Price |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Boston, MA | 3.25 | 0.00 | 4.79 | 13.36 |
| Newport News/Portsmouth, VA | 3.20 | (0.05) | 4.74 | 13.31 |
| New York, NY | 3.15 | (0.10) | 4.69 | 13.26 |
| Long Valley, NJ | 3.10 | (0.15) | 4.64 | 13.21 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 3.05 | (0.20) | 4.59 | 13.16 |
| Agawam, MA/Baltimore, MD | 3.00 | (0.25) | 4.54 | 13.11 |
| Frederick, MD/New Holland, PA | 2.90 | (0.35) | 4.44 | 13.01 |
| Mt. Holly Springs, PA | 2.80 | (0.45) | 4.34 | 12.91 |
| Albany/Binghamton, NY | 2.70 | (0.55) | 4.24 | 12.81 |
| Middlebury, VT | 2.60 | (0.65) | 4.14 | 12.71 |
| Syracuse, NY | 2.50 | (0.75) | 4.04 | 12.61 |
| St. Albans/Swanton, VT | 2.40 | (0.85) | 3.94 | 12.51 |
| Watertown/Rochester, NY | 2.30 | (0.95) | 3.84 | 12.41 |
| Buffalo, NY | 2.20 | (1.05) | 3.74 | 12.31 |
| Jamestown, NY | 2.10 | (1.15) | 3.64 | 12.21 |

*Differentials listed apply to states included in the Northeast marketing area. Outside of this area, differentials and prices may be above or below this range. Cities listed are for reference purposes only.

#Prices apply on a county basis. Prices at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids.

NORTHEAST ORDER UNIFORM PRICE FOR DECEMBER 2000

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Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price paid by milk dealers (handlers) regulated under the Northeast Order for December 2000 is \$13.72 per hundredweight (\$1.18 per gallon) for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston). The December statistical uniform price is \$13.62 for delivery to plants in New York, NY, and \$13.52 for delivery to plants in Philadelphia, PA. The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks and by the location of the plant(s) to which the farm's milk is delivered.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for December is \$4.35 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant receiving producer milk is from Suffolk County, MA. *

The Class prices for milk pooled in December are as follows: Class I, \$15.38 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$13.97; Class III, \$9.37; and Class IV, \$13.27. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for December 1999 would have been: Class I \$14.84, Class II \$11.64, Class III \$9.91, and Class IV price \$10.87. The component values for December are protein, \$1.0378 per pound; butterfat, \$1.6534 per pound; other solids, \$0.0829 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8616 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.954 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 47.9 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 44.0 percent in December 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 14.1 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 29.4 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 8.6 percent of the total.

* Additional statistical uniform price and PPD information by selected location on reverse side.

Producer Price Differential and Statistical Uniform Price, by Location

| Selected Locations | Differential* | Adjustment | Producer Price Differential | Statistical # Uniform Price |
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| Boston, MA | 3.25 | 0.00 | 4.35 | 13.72 |
| Newport News/Portsmouth, VA | 3.20 | (0.05) | 4.30 | 13.67 |
| New York, NY | 3.15 | (0.10) | 4.25 | 13.62 |
| Long Valley, NJ | 3.10 | (0.15) | 4.20 | 13.57 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 3.05 | (0.20) | 4.15 | 13.52 |
| Agawam, MA/Baltimore, MD | 3.00 | (0.25) | 4.10 | 13.47 |
| Frederick, MD/New Holland, PA | 2.90 | (0.35) | 4.00 | 13.37 |
| Mt. Holly Springs, PA | 2.80 | (0.45) | 3.90 | 13.27 |
| Albany/Binghamton, NY | 2.70 | (0.55) | 3.80 | 13.17 |
| Middlebury, VT | 2.60 | (0.65) | 3.70 | 13.07 |
| Syracuse, NY | 2.50 | (0.75) | 3.60 | 12.97 |
| St. Albans/Swanton, VT | 2.40 | (0.85) | 3.50 | 12.87 |
| Watertown/Rochester, NY | 2.30 | (0.95) | 3.40 | 12.77 |
| Buffalo, NY | 2.20 | (1.05) | 3.30 | 12.67 |
| Jamestown, NY | 2.10 | (1.15) | 3.20 | 12.57 |

*Differentials listed apply to states included in the Northeast marketing area. Outside of this area, differentials and prices may be above or below this range. Cities listed are for reference purposes only.

#Prices apply on a county basis. Prices at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids.